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U.S. CORN PLANTED ACREAGE SECOND LARGEST SINCE 1944

WYOMING: As of March 1, Wyoming farmers planted or intended to plant 403,000 acres of small grains and row crops last Fall and this Spring, down 9 percent from last year, according to Nancy Hussey with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. Winter wheat plantings, dry edible beans, and sugarbeets were down from last year and intentions for corn, barley, and oats were unchanged from last year. Harvest intentions for all hay area for harvest declined 3 percent from last year's crop.

Small Grains: Wyoming's 2011 **barley** acreage is expected to total 75,000 acres, unchanged from last year, and 5,000 acres below the 2009 crop. Farmers intend to plant 34,000 acres of **oats**, equal to the acres from last year and down 6,000 acres from 2009. **Winter wheat** was seeded on 140,000 acres last fall, down 25,000 acres from the 2010 crop, and down 15,000 acres from the 2009 crop.

Row Crops: Wyoming farmers expect to plant 90,000 acres of **corn** this year, unchanged from 2010 and 2009. Producers intend to plant 27,000 acres of **sugarbeets**, down 11 percent from last year and 17 percent below 2009. **Dry bean** plantings this year are expected to total 37,000 acres, down 12,000 acres from 2010 and down 500 acres from 2009.

The total acreage of **all hay** expected to be harvested in the State in 2011 is 1.15 million acres, down 40,000 acres from 2010 and 120,000 acres below the 2009 crop.

These estimates are based on a survey conducted in early March. Actual plantings may vary from these estimates because of weather, economic conditions, and the effect of this report itself.

UNITED STATES: **All wheat** planted area is estimated at 58.0 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. The 2011 winter wheat planted area, at 41.2 million acres, is 10 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.2 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.7 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2011 is estimated at 14.4 million acres, up 5 percent from 2010. Of this total, about 13.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2011 is estimated at 2.37 million acres, down 8 percent from 2010.

Growers intend to plant 2.95 million acres of **barley** for 2011, up 3 percent from the 2.87 million acres seeded in 2010. If realized, this will be the second lowest seeded acreage on record. **Oat** acres seeded and to be seeded for the 2011 crop year are expected to total 2.84 million acres, down 10 percent from the 3.14 million acres planted last year. If realized, this will be the lowest United States total on record.

Growers intend to plant 1.30 million acres of **dry beans** in 2011, down 32 percent from last year. The decrease in planted acres can mainly be attributed to increased acreage intentions for competing crops, including corn and wheat. Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2011 crop year is expected to total 1.19 million acres, up 1 percent from the 1.17 million acres planted in 2010. **Corn** growers intend to plant 92.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2011, up 5 percent from last year and 7 percent higher than in 2009. If realized, this will be the second largest acreage since 1944, behind only the 93.5 million acres planted in 2007. Acreage increases of 250,000 or more are expected in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, and South Dakota. **Hay** producers expect to harvest 59.0 million acres of all hay in 2011, down 1 percent from 2010.

**PLANTING INTENTIONS FOR 2011 AND ACTUAL PLANTINGS FOR 2010,
WYOMING AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Acreage Planted/to Be Planted					
	Wyoming			United States		
	2010	2011 Intentions	11/10	2010	2011 Intentions	11/10
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres		Percent
Corn, All Purposes	90	90	100	88,192	92,178	105
Winter Wheat	165	140	85	37,335	41,229	110
Durum Wheat	—	—	—	2,570	2,365	92
Spring Wheat Other than Durum	—	—	—	13,698	14,427	105
Oats	34	34	100	3,138	2,839	90
Barley	75	75	100	2,872	2,952	103
Sugarbeets	30.5	27.0	89	1,171.4	1,187.1	101
Dry Edible Beans	49.0	37.0	76	1,911.4	1,303.5	68
Hay, All 1/	1,190	1,150	97	59,862	58,973	99

1/ Area for harvest